

into ordinary and specific funds; and to Statement "H," for a summary of ordinary and specific, showing deficits and balances and general balances upon the two years' transactions of the Department, will be of interest.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Below I give a statement showing the increasing business done through this office, covering the last twenty-four years. The statement shows the disbursements for the last four periods of six years each to have been as follows:

1877 to 1882, inclusive.....	\$3,626,656.64	Average per year.....	\$604,442.77
1883 to 1888, inclusive.....	5,504,514.23	Average per year.....	917,419.04
1889 to 1894, inclusive.....	6,362,633.59	Average per year.....	1,143,772.26
1895 to 1900, inclusive.....	8,494,110.42	Average per year.....	1,415,685.07

From these figures it will be seen that the average annual expenditures during the fourth period were 2.34 times those of the first; 1.54 times those of the second, and 1.24 times those of the third period.

The last two years of the fourth period, the expenditures were \$3,247,858.29, an average of \$1,623,929.15 per year. This is 2.68 times the annual average for the first period; 1.77 times that of the second, and 1.42 times that of the third.

To meet these rapidly increasing demands upon our public resources, requires the best and most conscientious thought and action of our legislators that unjust burdens be not laid upon our people, and that plainly written, just and equitable tax laws be enacted.

THE WHITE CLAIM.

Seeing that there has been some criticism of the action of the State Treasurer in paying the claim of Theophilus White, Chief Inspector of Shell Fish, I give